

Hunter Street Elementary School

School Improvement Council

Report to the Parents

2013-2014



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Striving for Excellence



Academic Data

Measures of Academic Progress, Palmetto Assessment of State Standards, and Elementary and Secondary Education Act

MEASURES of ACADEMIC PROGRESS

At the end of the 2012-2013 school year, Hunter Street students began taking the common core based **Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)** assessment in reading and math. Below are 2013-2014 grade level growth results from Fall to Winter. The spring test will occur in May 2014.

Subject	Grade	Fall Percentile	Winter Percentile	Subject	Grade	Fall Percentile	Winter Percentile
Reading	K	62	81	Math	K	51	71
	1	58	63		1	54	55
	2	33	40		2	29	42
	3	37	40		3	37	36
	4	51	58	4	54	54	

PALMETTO ASSESSMENT of STATE STANDARDS

Each spring, our 3rd and 4th grade students take the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) test in Writing, English / Language Arts , Math, Science and Social Studies. Each school in South Carolina gets a State of South Carolina Annual Report Card based on PASS scores. The report card gives rates each school from At-Risk to Excellent in Absolute Rating and Growth Rating. Below is a five year history of the HSES Annual Report Card.

<u>Year</u>	<u>ABSOLUTE RATING</u>	<u>GROWTH RATING</u>	<u>ABSOLUTE INDEX</u>
2009	AVERAGE	Average	3.1
2010	GOOD	Average	3.2
2011	GOOD	Below Average	3.2
2012	EXCELLENT	Average	3.43
2013	EXCELLENT	Good	3.56

ELEMENTARY and SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

On the 2012 and 2013 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (Federal Report Card) accountability system, Hunter Street Elementary met 100% of the objectives in English/Language Arts, Math and Social Studies. Both years, we did not meet all of the objectives in science. In 2012, Hunter Street met 52% of the objectives. With an increased focus on science for 2013, our percentage of objectives met jumped to 78%. Our overall federal rating jumped from 97.6 in 2012 to 98.9 in 2013. Both scores earned Hunter Street an "A" on the federal accountability system.

Academic Support System

- Teacher Retention
- Professional Learning Communities
- Teacher Empowerment
- Supportive Parents
- NetSCOPE Partnership with Winthrop University
- Outstanding and Engaging Instruction
- Differentiated Teaching Methods
- Collaboration
- Continuity of Leadership
- Grant Writing
- High Expectations
- 31 Certified Faculty
- 9 National Board Certified Teachers
- 9 Teacher Assistants
- 6 Cafeteria Staff
- 4 Custodial Staff
- 1 School Nurse

York School District One Mission

Working with the community, we will provide a diverse, innovative education in a safe environment enabling students to become responsible citizens in a global society.

York School District One Vision

Building the foundation for tomorrow by sparking potential and inspiring success.

York School District One Beliefs

- Learning is a life-long, ever-changing process.
- Each child is unique and should have the opportunity to reach his/her full potential.
- A safe, orderly and nurturing environment is essential for learning.
- Education is a cooperative effort between schools and the community.

HSES Service Learning Projects

- ◆ Relay for Life
- ◆ Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- ◆ Jump Rope for Heart



REASONS to CELEBRATE!!

- Mrs. D. Brown, Art Teacher, selected as one of thirty-six national recipients of the NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence
- 1st Grade Teacher, Mrs. C. Lawton, earned National Board of Professional Teaching Certification.
- MERIT Grade Teacher, Mrs. L. Parker, earned National Board of Professional Teaching Certification.
- Music Teacher, Mrs. D. Fields, earned National Board of Professional Teaching Certification.
- “Excellent” rating on SC Report Card for two consecutive years, 2012 and 2013
- Palmetto Gold Award for Overall Achievement in 2012
- Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap in 2012
- Palmetto Gold for Overall Achievement in 2013
- “A” on federal report card for two consecutive years, 2012 and 2013
- E. Burroughs’ writing was chosen for *The Herald’s* “My Favorite Teacher” writing contest about her HSES teacher, Mrs. Schultz
- A. Davis and T. Hurst earned Perfect PASS scores on 2013 PASS Math
- B. Turner earned Perfect PASS scores on 2013 ELA (2 consecutive years) and Social Studies
- A. Soler selected to South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir
- Exxon Mobile Alliance Grant for \$1200
- 2012-2014 Distinguished Arts Program Grant for \$36,000
- Family Trust Teacher Grants for \$500
- NetSCOPE Professional Development School
- “Spotlight on Science” presentation at the National Professional Development Schools Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 28, 2014

Science Focus

When the federal school report cards were released in July 2012, it was noted that science was the only area in which Hunter Street Elementary did not meet 100% of the objectives, meeting only 52% of the objectives. There was work to do. Scientific inquiry data was analyzed from the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards and it showed scientific inquiry was an area of science that needed additional focus. Working with our Winthrop University NetSCOPE Partnership, Hunter Street focused on science throughout the year. At the end of the 2013 school year, third and fourth grade classes held a science extravaganza to showcase science knowledge gained over the year. Our science objectives met on the federal report card jumped to 78% for 2013. There is still work to do! In 2014, we continued our additional focus on science. This year, our students are conducting more science inquiry investigations. Each 4th grade class has even conducted a science investigation at Winthrop Lake followed by traveling to the science lab in Dalton Hall on Winthrop's campus to view the specimens they collected. Our Hunter Street students were able to be a part of an authentic college experience. Our science focus was also on display at the National Professional Development Schools Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The team of Dr. LaPonya Burris, Ms. Tricia Gupton, Mr. Kevin A. Hood, and Dr. Linda Pickett presented "A Spotlight on Science" on March 28, 2014.

